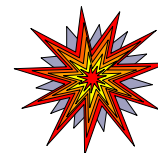




NSLS ES&H HIGHLIGHTS



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SHARPS

What Are They?

Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) Sharps - Any sharp object used in the diagnosis, treatment (e.g., provision of medical services), or immunization of human beings or animals, in research pertaining thereto, or in the production or testing of biologicals. Sharps used in the manipulation or processing of infectious materials.

Industrial Sharps (non-RMW) – Any sharp object **NOT** used in the above situations. See the [Hazardous Waste Management](#) Subject Area for additional information, if the non-medical sharps are contaminated with hazardous wastes.

Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) Sharps	Industrial Sharps (non-RMW)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ‘Exacto’-blades▪ medicine droppers▪ razor blades▪ needles▪ syringes (with and without attached needle)▪ microscope slides▪ hypodermic needles▪ suture needles▪ pasteur pipettes▪ scalpel blades▪ blood vials▪ needles with attached tubing▪ glass or plastic culture vessels▪ all other types of broken or unbroken glassware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ epoxy applicators▪ ‘Exacto’-blades▪ medicine droppers▪ razor blades▪ needles▪ syringes (with and without attached needle)▪ microscope slides▪ pasteur pipettes▪ other sharp objects used for typical industrial applications

How Do I Dispose of Used Sharps?

Obtain red, plastic “Receptacles: Infectious Waste Containers”:

- #K60601 (1 gal.) & #K60597 (8 gal.) from the NSLS stockroom; #K60599 (1 qt.) from the BNL warehouse.
- Fill each container to $\frac{3}{4}$ capacity only!
- If the container is **ONLY** used industrial sharps, cross off the biohazard symbol and write “Industrial Sharps Only” on the container.

How Do I Dispose of Filled Sharps Containers?

For detailed instructions, see the [Regulated Medical Waste Management Subject Area / Section 1](#). Containers for industrial and medical sharps are disposed of in the same fashion.

The following are required:

- [Regulated Medical Waste \(CBT\) web training](#);
- Proper waste container (see above);
- Regulated Medical Waste Control Form (<https://sbms.bnl.gov/sbmsearch/subjarea/20/0p/0p02e011.doc>);
- Contact with the Medical Waste Supervisor;
- Proper transportation.

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